GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2922
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2003
SURVEY BY GSI
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of surveys conducted by the Geological Survey of India to ascertain the ecological conditions in various parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) The number of wild life species identified during the said surveys, State-wise; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government for protection of wild life during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV))

(a) The Geological Survey of India does not conduct surveys to ascertain ecological conditions. Such surveys are conducted by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).The details of number of surveys conducted by Zoological Survey of India during the last three years are at Annexure.

(b) The number of species identified during the said surveys, state-wise are as under :

S.NO.	STATE	NO. OF SPECIES IDENTIFIED
1.	KERALA	198
2.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	6
3.	UTTARANCHAL	66
4.	GUJARAT	62
5.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	12
6.	BIHAR	55
7	MAHARASHTRA	31
8.	TAMIL NADU	32
9.	ANDHRA PRADESH	351

(c) The steps taken by the Government for protection of wildlife during the 10th Five Year Plan include :

i) The Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 has been amended and made more stringent with reference to penalties for wildlife offences.
ii) For better conservation, including better protection of wildlife, two new categories of Protected Areas (PAs), viz. Community Reserve and Conservation Reserve, have been provided for after amendment of the Act.
iii) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries", "Project Tiger" and "Project Elephant", having the objective of development and protection of wildlife, wherein technical and financial assistance is provided to the States, have been continued during the 10th Five Year Plan too.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2922 TO BE ANSW ON 11TH AUGUST, 2003 ON SURVEY BY GSI

Details of Ecological Surveys	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total
TROPICAL RAIN FOREST				
Kerala	2	2	2	6
HIMALAYAN ECOSYSTEM				
Jammu & Kashmir	2	1	1	4
Uttaranchal	-	1	1	2
WETLAND ECOSYSTEM				
Gujarat	1	1	1	3
Himachal Pradesh	1	1	1	3
Bihar	1	1	1	3
Maharashtra	1	1	1	3
ESTUARINE ECOSYSTEM				
Andhra Pradesh	2	1	1	4
Kerala	-	1	1	2
MARINE/COASTAL ECOSYSTEM				
Gujarat	-	1	-	1
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	1	-	2
Tamil Nadu	1	-	1	2
Kerala	-	1	-	1